

In today's news was one of the prime examples of the many reasons that media deregulation is a disastrous thing. The Sinclair Broadcasting group, in deep trouble financially, and probably unable to survive without yet more media deregulation, is using its considerable size to smear Democratic candidate John Kerry.

It is apparent that the campaign to smear Kerry is not rooted in anything but greed and a desire to control yet more of the airwaves, whose use Sinclair has been granted free of charge. If Senator Kerry is elected, Media deregulation will be dealt a serious and much needed blow, and Sinclair will suffer the consequences of their avarice and irresponsibility.

If anything, This is a perfect example of what always happens when Media moguls are given power: they operate in a "public be damned" manner. Sinclair is being as good as they have to be, and as bad as they dare. Thanks to deregulation, neither of those is good at all.

Sinclair must be stopped in the interest of responsible media. They must be stopped in the short term and in the long term.
Thank you.